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1. YOU MAY CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF FRG PROPOSAL PARA 5

REFTEL.

2. FYI. RE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION TO DELETE "PLUS" ADD-ON (PARA 7 REFTEL), WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING THIS QUESTION IN RELATION TO FRG INSERT PROBLEM AND WILL TRANSMIT GUIDANCE SEPARATELY. END FYI.

3. WE SHARE MISSION'S JUDGMENT OF NEW FRG CEILINGS LANGUAGE AND AGREE WITH YOUR TACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. BEFORE CONSIDERING IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT A DRAFTING COMPROMISE WE WISH TO HAVE FURTHER ALLIED COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE UK.

4. CONCERNING NEW FRG COMMON CEILING LANGUAGE IN PARA 3 OF THE SUPPLEMENT (PARA 5 REFTEL), WE MAINTAIN OUR PREFERENCE FOR OUR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF APPARENT UK FLEXIBILITY ON QUESTION OF NUMERICAL

SPECIFICATION. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE WITHHOLD COMMENT, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT INTERNAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON THE LEVEL OF THE CEILING, AS PROPOSED AT THE OUTSET OF THE FRG AMENDMENT, WILL RAISE MANY OF THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ALLUDED IN OPPOSING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE EAST-WEST AGREEMENT ON THIS IN PHASE I. INGERSOLL

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